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An Act, to protect the publication if reports of proceedings of the Himachal Pradesh State Legislature. BEit enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Himachal Pradesh in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:- 1. For Statement of Objects and Reasons see R.H.P. Extra., dt. 31-12-1977, P.1206.

### **1. Short Title And Commencement :-**

- (1) This Act may be called the Himachal Pradesh State Legislature Proceedings (Protection of Publication) Act, 1977.
- (2) It shall come into force at once.

### **2. Definition :-**

In this Act "newspapers" mean any printed periodical work containing public news or comments on public news, and includes a news agency supplying material for publication in a newspaper.

### **3. Publication Of Reports Of Himachal Pradesh State Legislature Proceedings Privilege :-**

(1) Save as otherwise provided in sub-section (2), no person shall be liable to any proceedings, civil or criminal, in any court in respect of the publication in a newspaper of a substantially true report of any proceedings of the Himachal Pradesh State Legislature, unless the publication is proved to have been made with malice.

(2) Nothing in sub-section (1) shall be construed as protecting the publication of any matter, the publication of which is not for the public good.

#### **4. Act Also To Apply To Himachal Pradesh State Legislature Proceedings Broadcast By Wireless Telegraphy :-**

The Act shall apply in relation to reports or matters broadcast by means of wireless telegraphy as part of any programme or service provided by means of a broadcasting station as it applied in relation to reports or matters published in a newspaper.